

2. The approval of a draft Assembly resolution on follow-up action to the U.N. Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED);

3. The adoption of an MEPC resolution on Guidelines on the Application of the Precautionary Approach;

4. Plans for a special meeting of entities involved with the carriage of materials subject to the Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF) Code;

5. The proposed new Annex VI to MARPOL on prevention of air pollution from ships;

6. The future work of the committee on "The Human Element";

7. Port State Control procedures;

8. Unwanted aquatic organisms in ballast water; and

9. The work plan for the international Convention on Oil Pollution, Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC) intersessional meeting which will take place from 27 February—1 March 1996 in London, England.

For further information or documentation pertaining to the SPMP meeting, contact Lieutenant Commander Ray Perry, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-MOS-4), 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593-0001, Telephone: (202) 267-2714, Facsimile: (202) 267-4690.

Dated: December 1, 1995.

Richard T. Miller,

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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## TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### SES Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** Trade and Development Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the appointment of members of the Trade and Development Agency's Performance Review Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deirdre E. Curley, Assistant Director for Management Trade and Development Agency, State Annex-16, Room 309, Washington, D.C. 20523-1602, (703) 875-4357.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4314(c) (1) through (5), U.S.C. requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personal Management, one or more SES performance review boards. The board shall review and evaluate the

initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, along with any recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

The following have been selected as acting members of the Performance Review Board of the Trade and Development Agency: Jessalyn L. Pendarvis, Director of Equal Opportunity Programs, Agency for International Development; James D. Murphy, Deputy Director Office of Procurement, Agency for International Development; and Edward Dragon, former Regional Legal Advisor, Senior Foreign Service, Agency for International Development.

Dated: December 6, 1995.

Deirdre E. Curley,

*Assistant Director for Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Denial of Motor Vehicle Defect Petition From Robert G. Gingher

This notice sets forth the reasons for the denial of a petition submitted to the NHTSA under 49 U.S.C. 30162(a)(2).

In August 1995, Mr. Robert G. Gingher petitioned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to issue an order concerning the notification and remedy of a defect in certain 1987 through 1993 Taurus, Sable, and Continental model vehicles, produced by the Ford Motor Company, because of an alleged defect in the design of the steering system tie rods. Specifically, Mr. Gingher alleges that the tie rods can break, causing loss of control of the vehicle, and that accidents have occurred because of this failure. The petitioner proposes that these vehicles be recalled and that their tie rods be replaced by a more recently designed tie rod.

This matter was the subject of an investigation by NHTSA (EA94-008) which was closed on February 27, 1995. The results of that investigation did not indicate that a safety-related defect trend existed. As a result, that investigation was closed.

Mr. Gingher bases his petition on several allegations. First, he infers that the replacement parts sales indicate a high rate of occurrence of the alleged safety defect. This is not necessarily correct because of the existence of more than one failure mode for the part. The investigation showed that fracture of the

tie rod was the only failure mode that had any potential safety consequence, that fracture was a rare occurrence in service, and that the tie rods were far more likely to have been replaced because of wear, which had no identified safety consequence. Accordingly, replacement parts sales do not accurately reflect the number of occurrences of this alleged defect.

Second, Mr. Gingher states that "the VRTC did not evaluate steering degradation." The Vehicle Research and Test Center did, in fact, evaluate steering performance degradation in several driving maneuvers, including straight ahead stopping, various right and left hand constant radius turns, low speed steering maneuvers, and several collision avoidance maneuvers. In only one condition, the double lane change maneuver, was the steering performance of the vehicle degraded with a separated tie rod.

Mr. Gingher has not presented any new information which was not already considered by the agency during its previous investigation. Accordingly, there is no reason to reopen the investigation. Thus, after considering all of the issues raised by this petition, recognizing the need to allocate and prioritize NHTSA's limited resources to best accomplish the agency's safety mission, the agency has decided to deny the petition.

Issued on: December 7, 1995.

Michael B. Brownlee,

*Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Certification of Training, Notice of Intent To Employ a Veteran, Employer's Application for Approval of a Job Training Program, and Application for a Certificate of Eligibility; VA Forms 22-8929, 22-8930, 22-8931, and 22-8932

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for

comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before February 12, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0396.

*Title and Form Number:* Certification of Training, Notice of Intent to Employ a Veteran, Employer's Application for Approval of a Job Training Program, and Application for a Certificate of Eligibility.

*Type of Review:* Revision of currently approved collection.

*Need and Uses:* The employer uses: the Certification of Training to apply for reimbursement for training a veteran; the Notice of Intent to Employ a Veteran to notify VA that the employer is going to hire a veteran; and the Application for Approval of a Job Training Program to request VA approval of a job training program. The veteran uses the Application for a Certificate of Eligibility to apply for a certification of eligibility for job training.

*Current Actions:* Public Law 102-484 established the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act (SMOCTA). This program is administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) based on an agreement between the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Labor, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Under current legislation no funds can be obligated under SMOCTA after September 30, 1995. However, VA will continue to reimburse an employer beyond September 30, 1995, throughout the approval length of the training program by September 30, 1995.

The sole form currently approved for use under SMOCTA is VA Form 22-8929, Certification of Training. Continued use of this form is necessary

to authorize reimbursement after September 30, 1995. Approval for the form has been extended through April 30, 1997, under OMB Control Number 2900-0396. OMB extended approval of the form on September 18, 1995. Congress is currently considering legislation to fund SMOCTA beyond September 30, 1995. In anticipation of continued funding, we will request approval of the following additional forms: VA Form 22-8930, Notice of Intent to Employ a Veteran; VA Form 22-8931, Employer's Application for approval of a Job Training Program; and VA Form 22-8932, Application for Certificate of Eligibility.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit, Individuals or Households, State, Local or Tribal Government, and Not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 26,400 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 45 minutes per application.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 59,400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Jacquie McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 565-8266 or Fax (202) 565-8267.

Dated: December 4, 1995.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Electrical Systems Inspection Report (Manufactured Home), VA Form 26-8731b**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should

address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before February 12, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0244.

*Title and Form Number:* Electrical Systems Inspection Report (Manufactured Home) VA Form 26-8731b.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Need and Uses:* This form is used by inspectors to record findings for electrical systems of used manufactured homes proposed as security for guaranteed loans. The information is used to determine acceptability of units for VA financing.

*Current Actions:* VA Form 26-8731b is required in conjunction with the approval of loans guaranteed for the purchase of used manufactured homes. Section 3712(h)(l) of Title 38 U.S.C., prohibits the guaranty of any loans which does not meet standards prescribed by the Secretary. This form serves as an inspection report on the electrical system of a used unit. VA standards require tests of systems and components as described on the form. Inspections are ordered by lending institutions and performed by experienced electricians or manufactured home service personnel. VA Form 26-8731b is completed by the inspector after the tests described on the form have been made. The lender submits the report form to the applicable VA regional office with its report of loan closing.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, Business or other for-profit, and Small businesses or organizations.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 240 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:* 2 hours.

*Frequency of Response:* Generally one-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 120.